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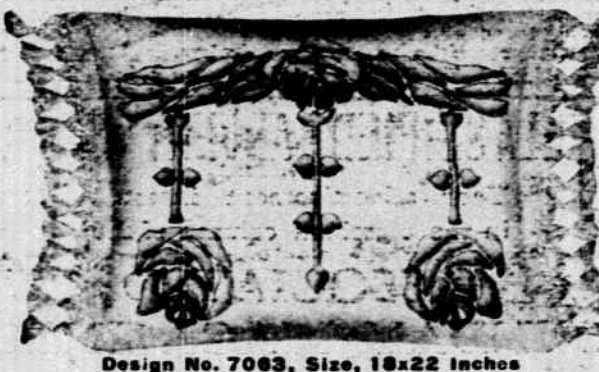
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of negro illiterates is in Louisiana, where also the average of illiteracy for both races is the highest in the United States.

It may or may not be a compensating blessing, and may be only in consonance with the unadvanced condition of so large a percentage of the population, but it is true that the States which have the largest percentage of illiteracy also tax their people to the smallest extent. North Carolina's tax rate per one thousand dollars of property and per inhabitant is lower than in any other State. The highest tax rate per one hundred dollars of property is in Nebraska, where it amounts to \$5.27, against \$1.15 in North Carolina. And the highest tax rate per capita is in Colorado, where it amounts to \$19.34, against \$2.04 in North Carolina, and an average of \$9.22 in all the States.

The fact that a State has the largest amount of visible wealth or the greatest amount of indebtedness does not seem to determine the relative tax per one hundred dollars of property or per inhabitant. New York, of course, has the largest wealth; but its tax rate is about two dollars less than that of Colorado. Also New York has the largest amount of aggregate indebtedness; but the largest indebtedness per capita is in Massachusetts.

Massachusetts, by the way, does not rank this year at the head of the national class in very many things, its leadership being confined to the indebtedness per capita, the number of Portuguese, the number of Congregationalists, and the output of the fisheries. In the latter the State still retains a supremacy that, practically, it has never lost. Virginia, the next in rank, is nearly thirty per cent. in the rear. Washington, the home of the salmon, comes up strongly; but yields third place to New York.

Speaking of Florida serves to remind one that the Everglade State has at least two little points of pride in the matter of rank. One might be the total acreage of swamp and overflow lands, in which it surpasses all others; but the important two are in the outputs of turpentine and rosin, in which Florida leaves all other States completely in the shade.

As one might expect, the largest acreage of farms, owned and in use, is in the State with the largest square mileage; but it is rather surprising to know that this same State, Texas, has the greatest area of improved farms. In proportion of improved to unimproved lands, however, Texas does not lead. That honor is reserved for the busy and thrifty State of Iowa, which also outranks all its sisters in the amount of butter, chickens, and eggs it produces. Texas gets even again on her Northern sister by producing more fowls other than chickens—turkeys, for example—than does any other commonwealth.

In dairy lines, other than butter, New York holds the palm, producing far and away the most milk and the most cheese. Iowa is second in milk product; but Wisconsin is second on cheese. The latter State has been growing so rapidly in its cheese

## TWO HOUSES

first. I was a tiresome second. You showed me that real emotion had gone from your feeling for me, leaving only a stolid, comfortable sort of habit. Yet, now that I am no longer a piece of furniture in your house, you love me quite madly in the only way that means anything to me—don't you? Or, rather," she said with a sighing laugh, "you think you do."

He flung her coat away and seated himself on a low stool in front of her. His look, bent steadily on her face, was so powerful that she felt as if he had taken hold of her. She was made to listen expectantly—and not only she; for to her fancy they two were not alone in the firelighted room, silent, but for the clamor of the storm. She felt that a visitor had come in, one who knew them well, who stood near them,—the Past. A curious spell she wove, deadening the memory of pains and wrongs, making all that had been kind and good glow in the thoughts like gold, sweeping away wrath as dead leaves are swept, awaking old ecstasies as the sun awakens a garden.

"Viola, we came to grief on what seemed to be a hidden reef. It wasn't. It was only the shore left bare by the temporary going out of the tide. That's what people, women particularly, do not always understand. Two people cannot be together for years, day in, day out, and always be on the high tide of romantic love. There must be the ebb as well as the flow. But, though the deep sea is there, sometimes the ebb is misunderstood,—it is called coldness, bareness;



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If Alaska were included in all comparisons, it would show first in landed area, first in unappropriated lands, in which, otherwise, Nevada stands at the top, and first in illiteracy.

New York, of course, is supreme in all banking matters, as it is also in the capitalization and indebtedness of corporations; but these figures are not strongly comparative, for the reason that banks and corporations of other States are largely directed from the metropolis.



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love is said to be gone, romance gone." He knelt before her. "If," he said in a husky, longing whisper, "you had been a little more patient, Viola, the difficult moment in our lives would have passed. I was often driven and worried, dear. Life, success, they do whip a man fiercely. They do, at times, obsess him. But I loved you. I thought you were tired. You let me think so. You went West so lightly for that farce of a divorce! But I've been wondering lately if instead of one fool—myself—we were not two fools."

She turned her head away sharply.

"Have you ever regretted?" he pleaded.

"Today," she said after a pause, "for Peter, with his two houses and no home."

"But if Peter had never existed!" he cried, imperious passion in his tone. "Have you no regrets for me?"

The storm screamed about the house; but in the glowing room they were far away from it. The Past was very close to them now, bending over them, listening to their breaths and heartbeats.

"For me, Viola, and the glorious love, my sweet, with which we began? No regrets for that?"

She turned gropingly. The tears that for days she had been resisting tore through her. She gave him her hands.

"Is there a road back?" she asked in a piercingly wistful way. "Can we find it?"

"We can try," he said.

Her sweet, warm mouth was but an inch from his face.